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Western Screech Owl
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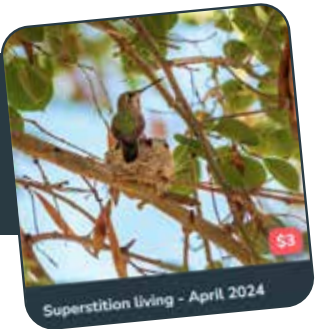
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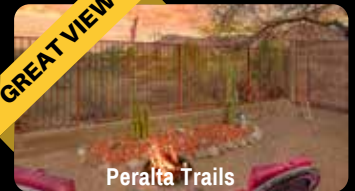
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Peralta Trails

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Great Views, Spacious Primary Bedroom with HUGE Walk-in Closet, View Fence & Close to Htd Community Pool! Must See!

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Toscano Villas

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2 Owner Suites, 8' Alder Doors & Barn Door, Gated Courtyard, Private Patio, Balcony, Mtn Views + NEW HVAC & Roof!

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Multiple Offers

SOLD



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Sold in 10 days!
Closed 3/19 ~ Our Sellers & Buyers

CASH Sale

SOLD



Peralta Trails

Sold at List in 7 Days!
Closed 3/19 ~ Our Sellers & Buyers

Multiple Offers

Gold Canyon YTD Market Stats through March 20th*

Gold Canyon ~ Under \$500,000
Active, Single Family Homes... 92
Average Days on Market... 106
Under Contract... 33
Average Days on Market... 77

Gold Canyon ~ Over \$500,000
Active, Single Family Homes... 114
Average Days on Market... 126
Under Contract... 27
Average Days on Market... 75

*Source: ARMLS

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LOCALEVENTS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions are due 10th of the month prior
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Thursday, April 3rd, from 6-8pm — Paints & Pints! AJ Parks and Rec is teaming up with Cat Wagon Tap and Bottle for Paints & Pints! This will be an instructor led program on the first Thursday of the month where registered participants will paint their own unique painting! Each month will have a different theme for its painting, so no two months are the same! Paints & Pints will begin at 6pm, and painters should expect their masterpiece to take about two hours to finish. Registration is \$40 and open to anyone 16 years or older. The cost of registration covers all painting supplies and a free drink (pint, wine, soda)! Paints & Pints will be held at Cat Wagon Tap and Bottle, located at 2430 W. Apache Trail #4 in Apache Junction. Space is limited, so make sure to register online at <https://www.apachejunctionaz.gov/111/Parks-Recreation>

Friday April 4, from 1:00 PM – 10:00 PM Florence Jailbreak, When "Prisoners" arrive at The Windmill Winery, they will be immediately placed into custody, given their "property bags", and loaded onto shuttles. As "prisoners" are transported throughout town, they will stop at Mt. Athos, Bar 727, The Irish Cowboy, Your Behind BBQ, and The Windmill Winery where our friendly wardens will attempt to maintain order and keep the escapees calm with a prison-themed drink and small bite combo.

Along the way, be sure to collect a "contraband" poker card at each location to be dealt in on the "End of the Road" poker run for prizes. If you manage to break your chains, don't forget to mill around downtown where you'll be treated to a snapshot of the Old West with a gunfight on Main Street by the Florence 1800 Peacemakers, but don't get caught! At the end of the "prisoner transport," you will find yourself back at

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Events Continue at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Check the complete event pages on their website at www.btarboretum.org/event or contact the Visitor's Center at 520-689-2723. You may also Email: info@btarboretum.org.

Exciting Activities year round at the Superstition Mountain Museum, Call 480 983-4888 or visit www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org for schedule of classes and events.

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A.D.O.B.E. NEWS
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Greetings to All ADOBE Members and Friends

RENAISSANCE TRAFFIC — An ADOBE Community Meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at the Gold Canyon Best Western Hotel, starting at 7 p.m. If you are interested in this topic, you will not want to miss it. Representatives of ADOT will present their latest ideas for addressing this annual issue.

The notion of "progression" — whether perceived as positive or negative — appears to be exerting a dominant influence on American society in 2025. From rigorous, in-depth analyses of the national budget to ambitious endeavors such as manned missions to Mars, the nation is awash in futurist ideologies emanating from every corner of intellectual and political thought. This nationalistic drive, underpinned by a fervent belief in progress, has become a central fixture in the national discourse. Indeed, since around 2010, American society has seemed captivated by this phenomenon, shaping public and private sector priorities. The trajectory of this movement remains uncertain, and its ultimate destination is an open question. However, it is evident that, for the present, the United States is ensnared within its energetic, and at times chaotic, momentum—akin to a tornado whose path is as unpredictable as it is forceful.

This wave of change has not left Gold Canyon untouched. To illustrate, let us consider the skies above. Around 2005, aviation activity in the region was minimal, punctuated only by the occasional roar of an aircraft overhead. In stark contrast, the present-day landscape has seen a monumental increase in aerial activity. The number of flight training schools in the area has surged from roughly three to over thirty, with recent developments indicating heightened interest from the

United States Air Force. The military has set its sights on the region as a potential site for high-intensity training exercises, including supersonic dogfights and the deployment of flares with the risk of igniting desert wildfires. Consequently, the once serene and idyllic community of Gold Canyon now finds itself on the precipice of being subsumed by the relentless forces of 21st-century progress, marked by increasing noise, activity, and infrastructural demands.

ADOBE posits that there remains a potential opportunity to guide the ongoing development in such a manner that strikes a balance, enabling the citizens of Gold Canyon to maintain the tranquility and charm they value while accommodating necessary progress. This can be achieved through the imposition of regulatory controls. For instance, the training schools utilizing the airspace above Gold Canyon have alternative options, such as flying north or southeast in less densely populated areas. Notably, the City of Tucson has already filed legal action against the Air Force regarding similar flight activities in their jurisdiction, and several environmental organizations are reportedly preparing to take similar legal steps to halt the Air Force's operations. According to some experts, the Air Force already has sufficient airspace in Arizona to conduct these training exercises without encroaching upon more densely populated or sensitive areas.

For those interested in further exploring and evaluating this issue, ADOBE encourages you to contact Steve Edwards, ADOBE Air Safety Committee Chairperson, at Adobeairsafety@gmail.com. Steve will provide information on how to get involved and participate in this critical discussion.

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This event is 21+ ONLY. Costumes are highly encouraged, but not required.

Sat, April 06, from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Apache Junction Farmers Market hosted by Farms2table. Join us every 1st Saturday of the month at Apache Junction Farmers Market, 300 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120.

With no income or residential qualifications required, a \$15 donation is asked so supporters can experience a farmers' market like experience and shop for their nutritious rescued produce.

Order online and enjoy your shopping for your produce 30 minutes before our normal hours for \$16 (\$15 donation per produce box and \$1 for the processing fee) Show your receipt at the white canopy and beat the crowd. <https://www.farms2tableaz.org/> The cutoff time for online orders is Friday at Noon.

Friday, April 18th 3rd Friday's



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Friday April 25th, - Sunday April 27th
— 11th anniversary of the Cactus 2 Pines Event (C2P2025) | Patriot Pines Outdoors Veterans 501(c)(19) Non-profit organization presents our 11th-year anniversary of the Cactus 2 Pines Even. Bring your family and friends for this awesome weekend event.

The event begins with the **145-mile poker ride** on Friday from Apache Junction (85% dirt roads and trails). We also have the NEW Fish Creek / Young Road Route, which asphalt & county/Forest Service maintained, passenger cars and trucks can do this route with ease. This year has physical card stops on the routes, so you are welcome to ride with your own groups and take your time as there is no hurry to get on top of the Tonto Rim *and note there is no event in Forest Lakes Friday evening.*

Friday Early Dinner @ Antlers Scratch Kitchen and saloon in Young AZ. The event will resume Saturday morning —No need to bring fuel as there is fuel available in Tonto Basin, Young, Forest

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BOEING PET OF THE MONTH

Apache Junction Animal Control

By Alice Edwards, Senior Kennel Tech

Meet our April Pet of the Month, Boeing. He's a friendly, mellow, and gentle guy. His previous owner advised he was a great dog, good in the house, likes to be pet and be by your side and rides well in the car. If you have another dog, a calm female dog around his size is the best match for him.

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Sunday the return riders leave at 9am. **Check out our [Facebook Page](#) for the event registration & More Information: @patriotpinesoutdoors.**

MARCH EVENTS AT AJ PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Saturday, March 1, 2-4 p.m.—Medicare Seminar | This is an educational seminar about all parts of Medicare: A, B, C, and D. We will go over your rights and entitlements to Medicare, changes to be aware of, coverages, and how to make decisions and sign up for Medicare.

Tuesday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m.-noon. — AZ@Work Job Search Help | AZ@Work will be at the library to support patrons with their job search. From resumes to applications to cover letters.

Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Medicare Seminar | This is an educational seminar about all parts of Medicare: A, B, C, and D. We will go over your rights and entitlements to Medicare, changes to be aware of, coverages, and how to make decisions and sign up for Medicare.

Tuesday, April 1, 1 – 2 p.m. —Computer Basics Class | Computer Basics – A class designed for beginners in computing. We will cover how to use a computer, access the internet, and utilize library resources to enhance learning of other computer skills.

Thursday, April 3, 5-7 p.m. — Turn Your Art Into an Air Freshener! All ages welcome - kids, teens, adults, families! Come draw and we'll transform it into an air freshener, perfect for gifts! *Note: Due to staff sensitivity to scents, we will not be able to provide essential oils for scenting your air freshener. We will have directions for how to scent it at home!*

Make a gift for:

April 20 - Nonbinary Parents' Day

May 11 - Mother's Day

June 15 - Father's Day

September 7 - Grandparents' Day

Or just for yourself!

Friday, April 4, from 3-5 p.m. Cricut Drop-In Stop by to learn about the Library's Cricut machine, talk about your ideas, or get help with any issues. Drop in anytime between 3-5 on the first Friday of every month.

Saturday, April 5, from 10 – 11 a.m. Introduction to Reiki | Join Reiki Master Teacher and author Lori Medina as she introduces you to Reiki, a Japanese stress reduction and relaxation technique. This gentle yet profound energy-healing practice promotes balance, relaxation, and well-being. In this session, you will learn the fundamentals of Reiki, explore how energy flows through the body, and experience simple techniques for self-healing. This session is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to refresh their knowledge.

Monday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Art Group | For adults that want a place to paint or create for a couple of hours! Be sure to bring your own supplies!

Wednesday, April 9, 1-2 p.m. Genealogy Hour | Come spend time learning how to use Family Search and Ancestry.

Wednesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. — Seed Up Meet Up | Help us fill our seed packets for the seed library, hear from Superstition Master Gardeners, ask questions about your home garden, & learn about Earth Heart Park and Community Garden! Topic: Moringa Trees & Benefits

Thursday, April 10, at 10 a.m. — Breathe Again: Learning to Live After Loss | Are you grieving a loss? Would you like a safe place to discuss your grief? A chance to meet new people and be with others who understand? Join us for a monthly bereavement group hosted by Barbara King, R.N., Executive Director of Supportive Hands Hospice. Free and open to adults.

Thursday, April 10, from 5 – 7 p.m. — Spy Day Jewelry | Come make jewelry inspired by secret codes and spies! Morse code bracelets, Paper beads, Secret codes, Fiero Code demonstration for aspiring hackers, All ages welcome, no registration required!

Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. — Financial Workshop for Single Women | Join us for a financial workshop designed for single women, hosted by Sarah van Akkeren, a Dave Ramsey Preferred Coach. The workshop is intended to provide single women with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to manage their finances effectively. Participants will gain insights into the significance of financial well-being and the principles of financial peace and also receive an overview of Dave Ramsey's 7 Baby Steps towards Financial Freedom.

Wednesday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. — Biblio Bites – Jarcuterie | Learn the art of charcuterie in a jar at our workshop! Elevate your appetizers and snacks with grazing cups. Sample your creation too! All supplies provided. Registration required and limited to 20 participants, so go to our website or call the library at 480-474-8555 to save your spot. For Ages 13+.

Thursday, April 17, at 5-7 p.m. — Book Swap
Leave a book, take a book! All age ranges and genres accepted. Leftover books will be donated to the Friends of Apache Junction Public Library Chapter 2 Bookstore.

Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. — Books & Brews |
 Rejoice! Books & Brews is continuing throughout the Spring season!

Join us at the Handlebar Pub & Grill in Apache Junction. Bring a book that fits the monthly genre or any you've enjoyed lately. Delight in discussion and libations on the pub's patio, plus 10% off your bill! **Genre: Mystery**

Saturday, April 19, from 10 – 11 a.m. Introduction to Holographic Holistic Design | Are you clinging to outdated versions of yourself? Join author and spiritual coach Lori Medina for a transformative session on Holographic Holistic Design. We'll explore time's fluid nature, understanding the past as an energetic imprint that can be rewritten. Through guided visualization and energy work, you'll learn to dissolve limiting narratives, release past inertia, and reimprint a new timeline that aligns with your expansion.

Monday, April 21, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. — Let's Quilt |
 Let's Quilt! provides a place for adults to quilt for a couple hours. Learn more about quilting or share your current project. Be sure to bring your own supplies and enjoy the company of other quilt enthusiasts!

Tuesday, April 22, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. — Classic Book Club— Nostromo: A Tale Of The Seaboard *by Joseph Conrad*

Tuesday, April 22, from 5-7 p.m. — Earth Day Bookmarks
 Come hang out with us anytime between 5-7 and use scrap paper and other recycled materials to make bookmarks! Everyone of all ages is welcome! No registration required. All supplies provided - just bring your creativity

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Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. — Dungeons & Dragons |
 Teens and adults are welcome to join in for our one shot dungeons and dragons campaigns for veteran players and new comers alike.



Now Hear This!

April's temperate weather in the Valley of the Sun is a good reason to get out and explore. While you're at it, be sure to fit in a stop at the CAF Airbase Arizona Flying Museum for these exciting activities in April.

Celebrating 46 years in Mesa, Arizona, we're a proud Blue Star Family Museum. Open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2017 N. Greenfield Rd, Mesa, AZ 85215. *Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day*

HALYARD MISSION OBSERVANCE

April 12 — Join us at the Airbase Arizona Flying Museum on Sat., April 12, at 10 a.m. to honor Operation Halyard, one of the great rescue stories of WWII. We'll have the honor guard, the anthem, and a presentation, followed by a dance group.

FAMILY DAY

April 13 — Gather your whole family and head to the museum on Sat., April 12, for Family Day. You'll get in for special reduced family pricing. And children 12 and under can participate in an aviation technology challenge sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol.

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April 24, 1 p.m. — Development of Attitude Instrument Flying: Trace the convergence of the early days of night/weather flying techniques and early combat that led to the skill set still in use today. Presented by Docent Tom Leard.

April 26, 1 p.m. — Doolittle Raid: Discover some surprising hidden details of the preparations behind the mission to fly 16 B-25s off USS Hornet in 1942. Presented by Docent JK Wight.



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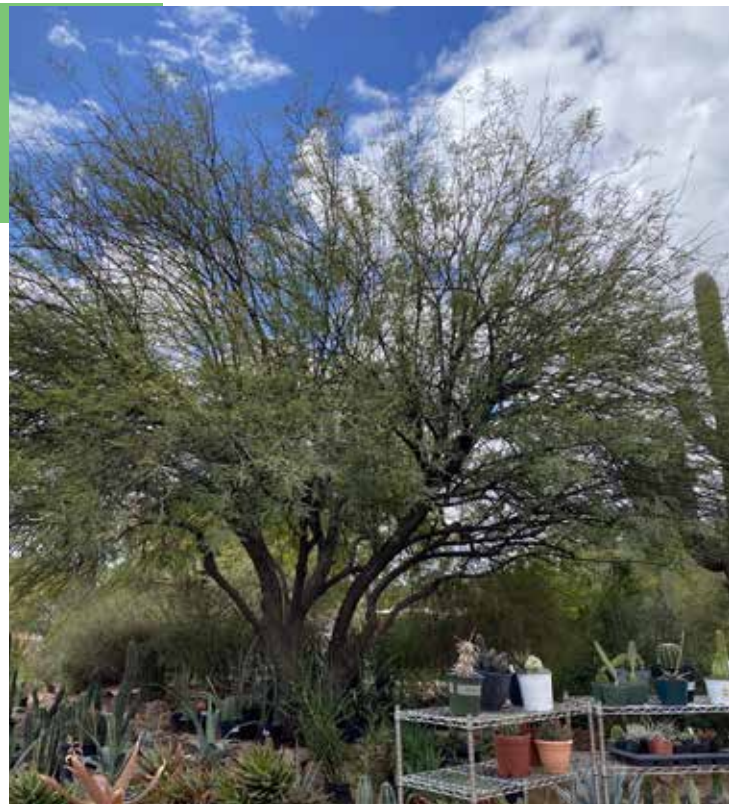
MESQUITE TREES

Plants native to the Sonoran Desert can be beautifully incorporated into your landscape. One of the most popular is the Mesquite (Prosopis) which, with its graceful limbs and delicate leaves, provides shade and elegance to any yard.

Several types of Mesquite are native to our desert, the Honey Mesquite, Screwbean Mesquite, and Velvet Mesquite. The seed pods from these varieties can be harvested and milled into flour. To determine the type of Mesquite growing in your yard look at the flowers and seed pods. Flowers of the Honey Mesquite are approximately three inches long producing a pod about eight inches long. The Screwbean is easy to spot as it produces corkscrew shaped pods. Fragrant green-yellow spikes of flowers, about four inches long, identify your tree as a Velvet Mesquite. A fourth, non-native species, the Chilean Mesquite, is not appropriate for flour production.

Mesquite pods are ready to harvest in autumn. A quick way to determine if the pods are ready for harvesting, simply pick one and break it in two. If it snaps, it's ready to harvest. Chew on the pod for a moment: if it's sweet, it's likely to make good mesquite flour. Always harvest directly from the tree as pods that have fallen to the ground can become infested with insects.

To prepare Mesquite flour, ensure your pods are completely dry. You can dry them in an oven or dehydrator set on low for a few hours or spread them in the sun. Break the dry pods into one-to-two-inch pieces then grind in a blender. Sift out the fine flour and reblend the leftover chunky bits until all is ground to powder. Store your flour in a glass jar in a cool, dark place for up to six months. Mesquite flour does not contain gluten and will not rise on it's own.



A type of legume, Mesquite is a nitrogen fixer. It has a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen fixing bacteria that reside in nodules within its root system. Through this relationship, atmospheric nitrogen is transformed into a compound that is more readily available for assimilation by other plant life. Glance under any wild Mesquite and you will find a rich, diverse micro habitat serving as a "nursery" for other seedlings. Besides supporting other plant life, the Mesquite provides nourishment for a wide variety of insects and animals. Bees drink their nectar for honey production and animals from coyotes to livestock enjoy the sweet bean pods.

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This large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2,244 sq.ft. Everything you see stays with this move-in-ready home. The spacious kitchen has granite counters, a large island, and a walk-in pantry. A fireplace and Arizona room top this home off.

It is priced at \$439,000.



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ABUNDANCE ABOUNDS NOW!

I took my little dog Sandi for one of her regular walks down the street the other day. As I watched her sniffing at flowers and exhibiting pure joy at the new scents she was discovering, a vivid picture popped into my mind of my sisters and me excitedly hunting for Easter eggs.

Each year my mother would distribute the little plastic eggs around the yard—most filled with candy and a few would even contain a quarter or two. Some of the eggs were craftily hidden away under the hydrangea shrubs or in the crooks of trees while others lay in plain sight. As we combed the yard filling our baskets with treasures, we'd often walk right by those eggs several times before someone let out a whoop and scooped them up.

Remembering those precious times made me start to wonder what blessings I might be missing every day.

Life presents us with both visible and hidden delights when we are awake to our surroundings. It's the ordinary, everyday things that are the sacred gifts. Abundance abounds, waiting to be discovered.

I looked around me at the spring flowers in the yards, and at the brilliant blue sky above me, and I thought—this is all so beautiful! And I began to think of the other “eggs” that I walk by every day and sometimes fail to appreciate:

- Waking up to a clean kitchen courtesy of a considerate husband—abundance abounds!
- Rediscovering an appreciation for the imperfect yet beautiful artwork around my house that my children gifted me with when they were younger—abundance abounds!
- The unconditional, adoring love of a pup at the end of a long workday—abundance abounds!
- Simple, encouraging words from another—abundance abounds!
- Time spent with good friends—abundance abounds!

Sometimes we get so caught up in looking toward the future—our next job, our next raise, our next house, our next vacation—that we miss the blessings lying around our feet right now. There's nothing wrong with anticipating the future, but I don't want to do it at the cost of missing the Easter eggs waiting for me to collect right now.



My wish for you is that you'll fill your basket with all the abundance that surrounds you **today!** Happy Easter!

LEFT: My sisters, Annette and Renée, and me ready for Easter services!

“REEL” LIFE...

BY MARCIA NELSON



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that simpler time,
when there were some “Happy Days”
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from a father's love and praise.

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Uh-oh. “Beep, beep”, Run, Coyote run!

How about those singing Cowboys,
good guys who knew right from wrong?
They ended their western sagas
with a favorite Cowboy song.

As we think about the past,
do you remember those Teen days
when we listened to our favorite music
as we watched Bandstand's dance time
craze.

And finally, there was this Mouse
who taught us how to spell,
as he sang his happy song,
and we remember it, oh so well.
M-I-C...see you real soon.
K-E-Y...why, because we like you.
M-O-U-S-E !

...And that's the way it was.

Oh wait!
Who was that Masked Man?

KEEP PINAL PRISTINE— ILLEGAL DUMP SITES

Pinal County Environmental Health responds to citizen complaints of illegal dump sites in the unincorporated areas of the county. We work with property owners to effect cleanup of trash from their property; Pinal County Environmental Health does not provide collection or cleanup services.

The Dangers of Illegal Dump Sites

Illegal dump sites often occur close to inhabited communities. Solid waste, which should have been disposed of in an approved landfill or other approved location, can lead to contamination of soil and groundwater that adversely affects our neighborhoods and families.

What You Can Do To Help

Dispose of your garbage and other waste appropriately. Do not let garbage and household trash accumulate on your property. Compost vegetative matter or dispose of it with other solid waste. Never dump any waste in the desert, along a road, or on a vacant

lot. Visit the Disposal Services page for more information; <https://www.pinal.gov/858/Disposal-Services>.

Rewards Program

While ensuring residents have adequate resources and information on how to properly dispose of old items, deterring people from illegally dumping in the first place is a key component to addressing the issue. Pinal County has established a Rewards Program that will provide a \$500 reward for those submitting tips on who is illegally dumping items if the tip and information lead to charges in the case.

The Rewards Program is replenished with fines paid by those illegally dumping. While the program will pay tipsters when someone is charged in a case, some defendants will have the opportunity to enroll in the diversion program to avoid a potential conviction. That process includes admitting responsibility and other measures such

as community service and participation in community cleanups.

Criminal littering or polluting can range in severity, coming as either a misdemeanor or felony case. The penalties can include time in prison and thousands of dollars in fines.

When submitting tips, please provide as detailed information as possible. Examples include: Surveillance video or pictures, Name(s) of the person involved, Witnesses.

Report Illegal Dump Sites

To file a nuisance complaint for an illegal dump site, please call 520-866-6864 or submit an online report; <https://www.pinal.gov/1177/File-a-Complaint>.

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THE BENEFITS OF A HEALTH AND
WELLNESS COMMUNITY

What defines a community, and why is it essential?

A community forms around shared interests, goals, or causes bringing value and enrichment to our lives. It is vital to find a community that encourages a sense of belonging and identity, one that will help you learn and thrive. Finding the right community will reward you with a happy and healthy life. To live our Best Life, it is essential that we surround ourselves with others.

Communities, in all their diversity and complexity, are the connective tissue of society. Whether united by shared passions, professions, places, purposes, or circumstances, communities give us a sense of identity and belonging. They are where we learn, grow, support each other, and make changes together.

In this digital age, genuine human connection can be hard to find. This is especially true when it comes to developing and maintaining a fitness routine. Although solitary activities can offer quiet and reflective time, individual exercise may result in burnout and decreased motivation. Group classes address the isolation that often comes with personal workouts and offer countless opportunities and benefits.

Group classes create a community by providing a consistent space for social interaction, where participants can build relationships with familiar faces, share a common goal (like fitness), receive encouragement from peers, and experience a sense of belonging through shared activities and challenges, often fostering a supportive network that extends beyond the class itself.

Key factors that contribute to community building in group classes:

- **Shared experience:** Everyone in the class is going through the same workout, facing similar challenges, and experiencing the same successes, creating a sense of shared understanding and connection.
- **Regular interaction:** Attending classes regularly allows individuals to get to know each other over time, fostering familiarity and a sense of belonging.
- **Motivation:** Group fitness classes are an excellent way to boost motivation because they introduce an element of accountability. When attending a class, you commit not only to yourself but also to the group and the instructor. This commitment creates a psychological nudge to show up, even on days when your motivation is low.

- **Positive reinforcement:** Instructors and fellow participants can provide encouragement and support, creating a positive atmosphere that motivates individuals to keep coming back.

In group fitness classes, participants often share similar fitness goals, whether it is focusing on flexibility, mobility, building strength, improving cardiovascular health, or simply staying active. This shared purpose fosters a supportive environment where everyone encourages each other to succeed. The bonds formed in these settings can extend beyond the gym, creating friendships that further enhance one's fitness journey.

The sense of community in group fitness classes is one of the most compelling reasons people return week after week. Unlike solo workouts, where the focus is primarily on personal achievement, group fitness emphasizes collective success. Instructors contribute to this community aspect by serving as leaders, supporters, and mentors. They set the tone for the class, create an inclusive atmosphere, and ensure that everyone feels welcome, regardless of their fitness level.

Group fitness classes foster a sense of community through their regularity and structure. When attending classes regularly, you start to recognize familiar faces who then provide social support, encouragement, and a sense of belonging that extends beyond the physical benefits of the workout.

Group fitness classes offer a unique blend of physical challenge, motivation, and social interaction. They harness the power of community to inspire individuals to push their limits, stay consistent, and enjoy their fitness journey. Whether you are a seasoned athlete or just starting your fitness journey, there is a Yoga, Pilates, or Fitness class at Live It Well that can meet your needs and help you achieve your goals. By choosing the right class, you will not only improve your physical fitness but also build lasting connections and become part of a supportive community that shares your passion for health and wellness. Take the initiative to step out of your comfort zone, enroll in a class, and experience the essential benefits and sense of community vital to living your best life.



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UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF SELLING A HOME THROUGH A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Selling a home through a lease-purchase agreement can be a great option for both buyers and sellers, offering flexibility and potential financial benefits. Whether you're a homeowner looking for alternative selling strategies or a buyer who needs time to secure financing, understanding how this process works is key.

What Is a Lease-Purchase Agreement?

A lease-purchase agreement, also known as a rent-to-own contract, allows a tenant to lease a home with the option to purchase it at a later date. Unlike a standard rental agreement, a portion of the tenant's monthly rent may go toward the future purchase of the home, helping them build equity while they rent.

How Does It Work?

1. **Agreement Terms:** The buyer and seller agree on the purchase price and the length of the lease period, typically ranging from one to three years.
2. **Option Fee:** The tenant-buyer usually pays an upfront option fee (often 1% to 5% of the purchase price), which secures their right to purchase the home. This fee may be credited toward the down payment.
3. **Monthly Payments:** The tenant pays rent, and a portion of that payment may be set aside as a credit toward the purchase.
4. **Final Purchase:** At the end of the lease term, the tenant can exercise their option to buy. If they qualify for financing, the sale moves forward just like a traditional real estate transaction. If they decide not to buy, they may forfeit the option fee and any rent credits.

Benefits for Sellers

- **Larger Buyer Pool:** Lease-purchase agreements attract buyers who may not currently qualify for a mortgage but are working toward homeownership.
- **Steady Income:** Sellers continue to receive rental payments while securing a potential sale.
- **Higher Sale Price:** Because the sale price is often set in advance, sellers may benefit if the home's value appreciates during the lease period.
- **Lower Vacancy and Maintenance Risks:** Tenants in lease-purchase agreements often treat the home as their own, reducing property maintenance concerns.



Benefits for Buyers

- **Time to Improve Credit or Finances:** Buyers who need time to boost their credit score or save for a down payment can work toward homeownership without losing their preferred property.
- **Equity Building:** Monthly rent credits contribute to the down payment, helping tenants build equity while they lease.
- **Locked-In Price:** The purchase price is agreed upon at the beginning, which can be beneficial if home values rise.

Things to Consider

While lease-purchase agreements can be beneficial, they also come with risks. Sellers should work with a real estate professional to ensure the contract is structured properly and legally binding. Buyers should fully understand the terms and be confident in their ability to secure financing when the lease ends.

A lease-purchase agreement can be a win-win solution, allowing sellers to secure a future sale while giving buyers the opportunity to work toward homeownership. However, like any real estate transaction, it's important to have clear terms and legal protections in place. Consulting with a real estate agent and an attorney can help both parties navigate the process successfully.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY PLAQUE COMING SOON TO SILLY MOUNTAIN

The Gold Canyon Garden Club is honored to announce the upcoming placement of a **Blue Star Memorial Highway plaque** at Silly Mountain. This memorial pays tribute to the brave members of the armed forces who have defended the United States.

The Blue Star Memorial program was established in 1945 by the National Garden Clubs, Inc., following World War II. At that time, blue stars on service flags symbolized family members actively serving in the military. Our Garden Club, with the assistance of the Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Department, is proud to bring this meaningful tribute to Silly Mountain.

This will be the third Blue Star Memorial Highway marker placed by the Gold Canyon Garden Club, joining the existing ones at Superstition Mountain Museum and Boyce Thompson Arboretum. The new plaque will be mounted on a large granite rock near Highway 60 and Silly Mountain Road, making it easily accessible to travelers and community members alike.

A dedication ceremony will be held soon at the site, and we will share event details via local and social media.

Thank You for Your Support!

We deeply appreciate everyone who contributed to the success of our Plant and Garage Sale in March. Your support helps us maintain our projects, including the Butterfly Garden, which is currently in full bloom!

We invite you to visit the Butterfly Garden, located down the road from Gold Canyon Community Church. Parking is available at Dinosaur Park playground, and the garden is open from morning until dusk. Take a stroll, enjoy the seasonal blooms, and discover plant ideas for your own garden.

Join Us! The Gold Canyon Garden Club meets from September to May, on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM, at the Mission Center of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church (8330 E Sunrise Sky Dr.).

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TIME FOR SOME FINANCIAL SPRING CLEANING

Spring is here — which means it's once again time to wash the windows, organize your cabinets and steam your carpets. This year, in addition to tidying up around your house, why not also consider some financial spring cleaning?

Here are some suggestions to consider:

- **“De-clutter” your investment portfolio.** When you embark on your home cleaning mission, you might notice that you have redundancies — three blenders, two vacuum cleaners, and so on. Similarly, you might find duplications in your investment portfolio, perhaps in the form of multiple, near-identical stocks or mutual funds. If so, then it might be worthwhile to consider selling some of these investments and using the proceeds to boost your portfolio in other areas in which you may be lacking.
- **Cut back on “overgrown” investments.** Now that winter is over and you're venturing outside more, you may notice some overgrown shrubbery or some tree branches that need pruning. And while it may sound counterintuitive, you might also have some investments that have grown too big for your needs. For example, you might own some growth-oriented investments whose value has increased so much that they now take up a larger percentage of your portfolio — and carry a higher degree of risk — than you originally intended. If that's the case, you might be better off by selling some of these investments and purchasing others to help bring your investment mix back to its desired alignment.
- **Dust off your investment strategy.** With more sunlight now pouring in your house, you might notice that the corners of your walls and ceiling may need a good

dusting. And as you continually work to strengthen your financial foundation, you may need to dust off your investment strategy, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your life, such as a marriage, addition of children, new job, and so on. And as you move closer to retirement, you may also need to adjust your strategy in some ways. For one thing, you might want to adopt a more conservative investment approach in the years immediately preceding your retirement, though you'll still need to have some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation.

- **Protect yourself from financial dangers.** As you go about your household spring cleaning, you may find actual physical dangers that need to be removed or stored more safely, such as sharp objects or broken tools. And as you navigate daily life, you may also find threats to your financial safety — the need for an expensive home improvement, or a major car repair or an unexpectedly large medical bill. If you don't have the money available to pay these expenses, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or run up your credit card or take out a high-rate loan. To protect yourself from having to make these moves, you may want to maintain an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account, separate from those you use for your daily living expenses.

Of course, some of these moves can take some time — but by getting started on them soon, you can help put your financial house in better shape by the time the next spring cleaning rolls around.

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AJ MOUNTED RANGERS AT THE LOST DUTCHMAN DAYS RODEO



The AJ Mounted Rangers were recently seen at the Lost Dutchman Day's Rodeo in Apache Junction which is our largest fundraising event. We work with various community non-profits to make the rodeo special for all who attend. It takes many hands to make the work lighter. We all share a common goal to put smiles on kids' faces.

Our volunteers worked many hours at the Lost Dutchman Rodeo because we care. We donated a \$1000 check to the Apache Junction Police Cadets at the rodeo event right next to the carnival. The AJ Police Cadets also volunteer around our community.

The AJ Mounted Rangers volunteer year-round to raise funds for youth-related causes in Apache Junction. We can be found at various community events, including those at Flat Iron Park, Harley Davidson, Superstition Mountain Museum, and Walmart during Christmas week where we perform security duties and interact with the public.

We serve as a crime deterrent at local events on horseback, quads, and on-foot patrol. The safety of others is the number one goal we strive for. We wear a uniform of matching shirts that promotes the Western lifestyle. We enjoy interacting with the community and we keep a watchful eye on the people who attend these events to keep them safe and lend a hand when needed.

Our group is comprised of all volunteers who are like family members. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our worthy cause. You don't need a horse or a quad to join. We need volunteers who want to make our community a better place for everyone. We take the summer off and love when our winter visitors join us as volunteers. Contact us at ajmountedrangers.org for more information.



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CRUMBLE COPYCAT TWIX COOKIE

For those of you who like Crumble Cookies, here is a copycat recipe for their Twix Cookie that is topped with a thick caramel layer, milk chocolate and a mini Twix candy bar!!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ c salted butter – room temperature
- 1 ½ c granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ c canola oil (I used vegetable oil)
- 4 ½ c all purpose flour
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 16 fun sized Twix candy bars
- TOPPING:
- 1 ½ c caramel dip**
- 1 ½ c milk chocolate chips-melted
- 24 mini Twix candy bars

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together the butter and sugar for 1 minute. Scrape the sides of the bowl and add in the eggs, vanilla extract and canola oil. Mix until well combined. Add in the flour and baking powder. Mix until a soft

dough forms. Mix in the chopped Twix candy bars.

Using a cookie scoop that measures 2 tablespoons, scoop up the dough and level off. Then roll dough into a ball and flatten just slightly on the cookie sheet. (If you want the same size that Crumble Cookie makes, use a 1/3 measuring cup to make the cookie portions. You will yield 12 big cookies this way. The cookies will spread and flatten as they bake. Repeat with the remaining dough. Arrange on parchment lined cookie sheets leaving room to spread and not touch each other.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 13-14 minutes (or 14-16 minutes if you make the big cookies). The cookies will spread and the center of the cookie should look puffed up and no longer wet before taking them out of the oven. Allow the cookies to cool completely on the pan. Once the cookies have cooled, heat the caramel dip in the microwave until it is warm and easily spreadable. Spoon about 1 tbsp. of caramel onto the top of each cookie and spread to cover the cookie (or 2tbsp



for large cookies). Melt the chocolate by placing the chocolate chips in a microwave safe bowl, and microwave in 30 second increments, stirring each time until the chocolate is completely smooth. Spoon about 1 tbsp. (2 tbsp for big cookies) on top of each cookie and spread on top of the caramel layer and then immediately place a mini Twix candy bar in the center of the cookie.

Chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving. Store in the refrigerator.

***Caramel Dip is sold normally in the produce department by the apples. It is used for making caramel apples. You could also make homemade caramel.*

This recipe is from "cookingwithkarli.com"

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